

To: Chairperson Schubart and Trustees
From: Chief Tom Bremner
Date: July 18th / 2011
Sub: SSIFR Monthly Report (June / 2011)



- Our new Mini Pumper remains on track for a November 2011 delivery. Several of our apparatus will be undergoing repairs and upgrades over the summer months.
- Our website; www.saltspringfire.com continues to be updated on a regular basis, and we encourage people to visit our site. We also have a large group of followers on our; Facebook and Twitter sites as well as the Salt Spring Community Exchange, which focuses on public announcements and information.
- Our Fulford training ground committee continues to advance in their efforts to ensure we move forward with our latest version of the training ground site layout.
- The Federal Government approved our 2011 Summer Student Job Application request and they will be cost sharing with us for one student. The successful applicant was Mr. Mike Bartle.
- Members continued to be busy this month with training, work duties and calls for assistance. In June the SSIFR responded to; **60 calls for assistance.**

Response types were:

First Responder	26
Complaints	10
Alarms	8
Motor Vehicle Incidents	5
Hydro	4
Public Assists	3
Police Assists	2
Appliance Fire	1
Haz-Mat	1

- **Training Division report for June:**
Training Sessions conducted: 12 with an average of 3 hrs each = 36hrs
- Numerous hours were spent organizing the details and assignments for the training weekend courses.



➤ **Fire Inspection / Prevention Division report for June:**

Commercial Inspections	15
Commercial Re-inspection	12
Responses to Emergencies	30
Category 3 Burn Pile Inspections	8
Review of Fire Safety Plans	2
Car Child-Seat Installs	1
Lockbox Installation	1
Battery Smoke Alarm requests	2
Public Information Sessions	4
Public Education Tours	1 Sessions (54 Children – 12 Adults)
Water Storage Tank Reviews	2
# of Burning Permits issued to date	1570
Paperwork / Administration	Endless

- June continued to be productive within the Inspection / Prevention Division dealing with many varying activities. We spent considerable time over the issue of overcrowding in public buildings. This resulted from the Islands Trust meetings. We not only had to visit the establishments, educating the owners and managers, we made several phone calls to the Office of the Fire Commissioner getting guidance from their code enforcement specialist.
- We have partnered with; Community Safety Net Group in bringing forth a kid's safety program via a booklet and DVD hand out. The community has supported by means of sponsorship for over 300 books / DVD's which will be handed out to kids in grade three during 2011. A huge "Thank You" is extended to the sponsorship companies who made this possible.
- Another initiative the SSIFR has undertaken is the Prevention Vehicle decaling program. This is an opportunity for local businesses to show their support for Fire Prevention and Public Education, by advertising their company logo on our Inspection / Prevention support vehicles. To date, we have 9 decaling spots confirmed. We continue to invite other businesses to join in until all available space is sponsored. Support received from this program will go back into the general operating budget.
- We continue to receive positive responses and invitations concerning our programs relating to voluntary inspections of all B&B's and our battery operated Smoke Alarm Program.
- Burning permits are required effective April 15th until October 1st 2011 for all types of burning. Permits can be obtained (for free) at the Ganges Fire Station during regular office hours. Category 3 Machine piles require an inspection prior to a permit being authorized. The Fire Hazard of July 12 was 4 (HIGH).
- ***A BURN BAN IS NOW IN EFFECT FOR; BRUSH PILES & CLASS #3 MACHINE PILES. REVEIW OUR WEBSITE DAILY FOR UPDATES & FURTHER BAN NOTICES, INCLUDING EARLY SHIFT NOTIFICATIONS.***
- Chief requests an in Camera Session relating to; (Property. Legal and Personnel) items.